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surface of the cards and allow the cards to be removed from the liner sheet construction after the printing operation into individual printed cards.

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action all of the pending claims except 292 were allowed. The allowance of those claims is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim 292 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 269. Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. Claim 269 refers to forming liner strips (plural) and liner waste strips (plural), and claim 292 refers to forming a leading edge waste strip (singular).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection and allowance of claim 292 are in order.

New claims 307-358 have been added.

New independent claim 307 is generally similar to allowed independent claim 267 with the first three paragraphs combined, and thereby is allowable, as are claims 308-346 depending therefrom.

New independent claim 347 includes, *inter alia*, the cards directly abutting cards in adjacent rows and columns of the card matrix, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween. It and dependent claims 348-358 are thus in condition for allowance.

Counsel respectfully requests a telephone interview with the examiner in the next few weeks to discuss the patentability of new independent claims 307 and 347.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone counsel at (310) 788-5053 to seek to resolve them.

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